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FIGHTING EDGE

On Subject, "the World Movement" the Ex-President Hands Out Some Advice to Our Modern Civilization.

PERCEIVES SOME DANGER OF A MAMMOTH SMASH

Everything Is Geared so High Now That Something Dreadful May Happen, but He Still Hopes for the Best.

Berlin, May 12.—Theodore Roose velt, former president of the United States, delivered his lecture today on The World Movement" at the Uniof Berlin, and received from that institution honorary the degree of doctor philosophy. Emperor William honored the occasion with his it was the first time his majesty had graced a conferment. Four hundred guests who held cards of admission were seated when Emperor William acompanying, Colonel osevelt entered the hall. As they appeared the university choir chanted Heil Dir, im Siegerkranz" (Hail to thee in conquerer's wreath), Pressian national hymn, to the strains of "America."

Col. Roosevelt spoke as follows: "The play of new forces is as evi-dent in the moral and spiritual world as in the world of the mind and the body. Forces for good and forces for evil are everywhere evident, each acting with a hundred or a thousand fold the intensity with which it acted in former ages. Over the whole earth the swing of the pendulum grows more and more rapid, and mainspring coils and spreads at a rate constantly quickening, the whole world movement is of constantly accelerating ve-

of much that bodes ill. The machin-ery is so highly geared, the tension and strain are so great, the effort and the output have alike so increased that there is cause to dread the ruin that would come from any great accident from any breakdown, and also the ruin that may come from mere wearing out of the machine it-The only previous civilization with which our modern civilization can be in any way compared is that period of Graeco-Roman civilization extending, say, from the Athens of Themistocles to the Rome of Marcus Aurelius. Many of the forces and tenat work now. Knowledge, luxury, and refinement, wide material conquests, territorial administration on a vast scale, an increase in the mastery of mechanical appliances and in civilization as they marked the wonturies ago; and they preceded the downfall of the older civilization. Yet the differences are many, and some of them are quite as striking as the simflarities. The single fact that the old civilization was based upon slavery shows the chasm that separates the two. Let me point out one further and very significant difference in the development of the two civilizations, a difference so obvious that it is astonishing that it has not been dwelt upon be men of letters.

Danger of Losing the "Fighting Edge." "One of the prime dangers of civlization has always been its tendency to cause the loss of the viril fighting virtues, of the fighting edge. When men get too comfortable and lead too luxurious lives there is always danger their manliness of fiber. The barbarian, because of the very conditions of his life, is forced to keep and develop certain hardy qualities which the man of civilization tends to lose, whether he be clerk, factory hand, merchant, or even a certain type of farmer. Now I will not assert that in modern civilized society these tenlencies have been wholly overcome but there has been a much more successful effort to overcome them than was the case in the early civilizations.

What is the lesson to us today? Are we to go the way of the older civilizations? The immense increase in the area of civilized activity today so that it is nearly coterminous with the world's surface; the immense in-crease in the multitudinous variety of its activities; the immense increase in the velocity of the world movement— are all these to mean merely that the crash will be all the more complete and terrible that the answer will be in certain, that we shall not go down in ruin unless we deserve and carn our end. There is no necessity for us to fall; we can hew out our destiny for

ourselves, if only we have the wit and courselves, if only we have the wit and the courage and the honesty.

Inclined to Be Optimistic.

"Personally. I do not believe our christion will fall. I think that on the whole we have grown better and not worse. I think that on the whole the future holds more for us than even the great past has held. But, is the future will not come true unless high of heart and strong of hasd, by our own mighty deeds we make them come true. We cannot afford to decides any one set of qualities.

In the south to graded system of Sunday school teams ons, promulgated by the Interdenominational Sunday School Association of the World two years ago.

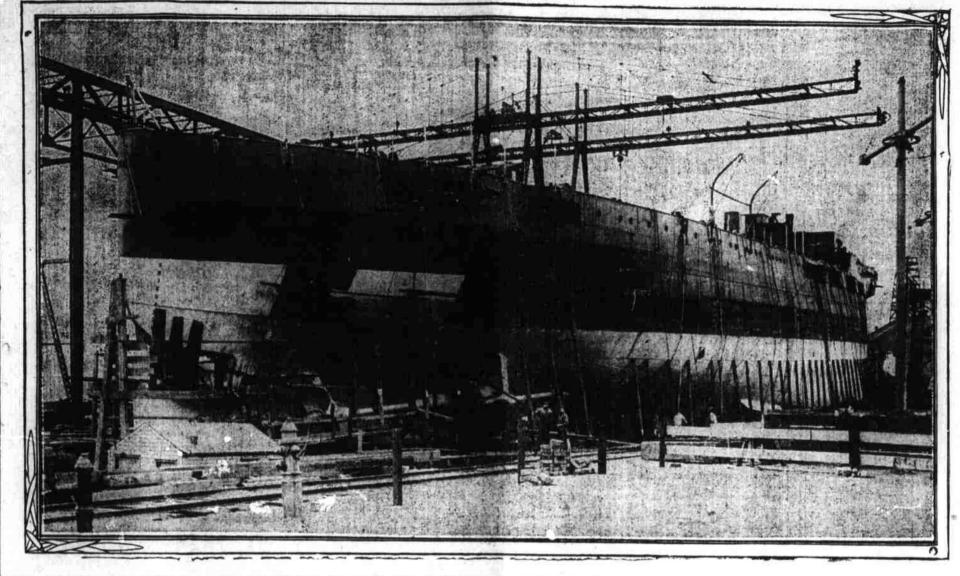
Following a piece for completion of the \$600,000 endowment fund of the Southern Bapitst theological seminary at Louisville, Ky., \$480,000 of which sum has been raised, approximately \$25,000 was subscribed today.

Sir William Huggins Dead.

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Signs, the astronomer, died today, aged seminary and decides any one set of qualities.

U.S.S. Florida Ready to Take the Waves; Starboard View from Aft. NEW



Admits Summary of Glavis Charges He Made Was Prepared After Date Which It Bore.

May 12.—Attorney General Wickersham has admitted that his summary of the Glavis charges, prepared for the president, on which the latter was supposed to have based his letter exonerating Secretary Ballinger and dismissing Glavis, was prepared after the date which it bore

Secretary Ballinger, testifying fore the congressional committee today read a letter dated May 10, from

"This summary necessary was made up afterward and properly bore the date upon which matter it contained was considered by the president."

BY GROCERS' COMBINE

Charges of Short Weight, the Existence of a "Ring," Made by Witness, an Ex-Grocer.

Washington, May 12.-Short weight in packages of fruit, control by wholesale grocers' associations over ordi-When pary dealers and manufacturers and the existence of a "ring" backing sity, wholesalers organizations are some per c lest the softness eat like an acid into of the things alleged before the house committee today by Hinton G. Clabaugh of Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. Clabaugh, testifying in advocacy of the bill to require weight labeling of canned goods, said he was driven out of business as a wholesale grocer because he refused to be dictated to by the Southern Wholesale

SENSATION GREATED IN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Resolution Calls Upon Church to Divorce liself from Graded System

Baltimore, May 12.—A sensation was created at the Southern Baptist annual convention today by a resolution calling upon the Baptist church ourselves, if only we have the wit and in the south to divorce itself from the

MORE LAY REPRESENTATION IS FAVORED BY COMMITTEE

Concurrence Reported in Memorial Asking for a Lay Member from Each Charge-Report Goes to Calendar-Passages at Arms Over Sunday School Matters.

Consideration of the report of the ing for some basis of union of the begun yesterday, was again taken up league, Woman's Foreign Mission so at today's session of the General conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and occupied most of the morning session. The crowd in the Auditorium this morning was greater than at any business session before, showing that numbers of ministers and others interested in church work are coming into the city daily. The most important committee report, perhaps, received this morning was Wickersham, in which the latter that concurring in a memorial askclude one lay delegate from each pastoral charge, thus securing equal lay and clerical representation. The re-port went to the calendar. The present basis of representation is derical representatives from each pre- dist Episcopal church was introduced siding elder's district.

During the consideration of the report of the Sunday school committee there were several passages at arms, as the board of education, led by Dr. J. D. Hammond and Dr. R. G. Waterday school committee, defended the is, he said, great need of more money for Sunday school work, as well as early completion of the \$50,000 endowment fund for a chair of religious pedagogy at Vanderbilt Univerper cent. of the Children's day fund should go to the Sunday school board and a like sum to the board of education, but the provision as finally adopted after various amendments had been voted down, provides for 30 per cent, to go to the Sunday school board, and the rest to be retained by

the nanual conference board. A memorial regarding the administhe committee on revisals. An effort to substitute the words "Church of instead of "Holy Catholic" in the creed met with an unfavorable report from the same ommittee and it is said the conference will sustain this. By resing vote it adopted the report of the com-mittee on temperance, endorsing the Miller-Curtis bill pending in congress, prohibiting shipments of liquor into

prohibition territory.

The eighth days' session of the general conference was opened with devotional exercises led by John R. Pepper, a lay delegate of Memphis "Come, Thou Fount of Scripture reading was from Lamenta-This was followed by prayer, The other song was, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The reading of the minutes was taken up and the minutes were approved.

Bishup Wilson took the chair and presided at today's session.

To Annotate Discipline A favorable report was made upon e memorial from the Daltimor conference, asking that a special com-nities of three be appointed to annomittee of three be appointed to anno-tate the Ducipline before another volume is published.

The committee on Epworth leagues

unday school committee, which was young people's work of the Epworth ciety and Home Mission society.

The committee on fraternal correct pondence asked that Friday at 11 m, be set as the time for hearing the fraternal representative of the Japan Methodist church. made today, just after the call for reports was completed, the time for receiving the fraternal greeting of the delegate of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church. The committee also get Friday, May 20 at 8 n annual conference be increased to internal address of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Colored Delegate's Address.

Rev. G. C. Clement, D. D., the fraternal delegate of the African Metho and read his address,

He congratulated the church upor its mission work and the success that gerous fumes fill the workings. had met its efforts. He congratulated the church upon its attitude toward In tracing the history o house, objected to the attempts of the A. M. E. church, he said it was the Sunday school committee to eliminate the board of education from its with three preachers, but owing to share of ten per cent. of the funds de- the few negroes in the north and east rived from Children's day collections. Its growth was slow until 1864. The Dr. Chappell, chairman of the Sun-church now has 36 annual conferences, with 2500 traveling preachers report and wanted it adopted as there and over 500,000 members, with 325. 000 Sunday school scholars.

Livingstone college, at Salisbury, in charge of the church, has about 300 students and property valued at \$250. 000, with many other smaller colleges The discipline provides that ten having a sum total of 1500 students. He stated the church was carrying on missionary work in Africa, made funds raised by the

churches and missionary societies. "If there had been no negro Methodist church, it is safe to say there would have been no negro bishops. educators and religious leaders," he

He declared the way to reach the ne tration of the Lord's supper once a gro children is through negro preach- tree months instead of once a gro children is through negro preachers. He objected to the are in the ditch. A special train is rushing to the scene, month met with non-concurrence in theory that money should be given only to those schools which were more

tion, he declared. The negro of the sunny southland is best fitted for the work of evangelization of Africa. The redemption of Africa at the hands of the negro race of America, he declared, is the tribute which he believed Christ would require.

He declared that his church stood for the union of all the negro Meth odist churches. His church stood squarely with th

Methodist churches in the figh against whiskey and "blind tigers." cited the Golden rule as the rule to guide both races. He also wanted the white Methodist ministers and the negro Methodis; ministers to get closer together in their work. He appealed to the white people who own negro tenement houses to construct better houses for the negro. He attributed the large dears rate of the negro race in the cities to unsanitary tenements. There was loud applause as he took his seat.

It is understood the grand jury's agreeable to counsel for Robert Buist, the millionaire grand-father of the giri.

The President Accepts.

ishop BHendrix it responding assured him that no fraternal messenters were more thoughtfully listened to than those who come from the negro races. "It is almost a miracle Continued on Page Four.

CUT OFF BY EXPLOSION

Of 136 Men Four Are Rescued-Grave Fear for the Safety of the Others. on Account of Fumes.

IN COAL MINE DEPTHS

Manchester, England, May 12.-An explosion in the Wellington coal mine at White Haven during last night cut off the exit from 136 miners dead are: working below the surface. Rescuing partles succeeded in saving four men working at the bottom of the shaft, but were prevented by gas from ody of the men are imprisoned.

The gravest anxiety exists over the spot where the \$5 hewers and 50-odd

PASSENGER TRAIN DITCHED:

Pennsylvania Train No. 307 Jumps the Track Near Alliance, O., and Three Coaches Roll into Ditch.

Cleveland, May 12.-Pennsylvania assenger train No. 307, leaving Pittsourg at 5:30 this morning and due in Cleveland at 11 o'clock, has jumped the track 15 miles south of Alliance, ome of the coaches rolling down a 20-foot embankment.

Many are reported injured. The baggage car and two coaches rushing to the scene,

The real improvement in the negro race can come only after christianiza-CASE'S FINAL CHAPTER

Ferdinand Cohen, the Hotel

Waiter.

Philadelphia, May 12.-The last cho of a sensational escapade was heard this afternoon when the grand showers in east portion this afternoon sels indeed are rated at about a quar-jury ignored an indictment charging or tonight; cooler, light frost to-ferdinand Cohen, a hotel waiter with night in extreme west portion; Friday

Her Size.

Postmaster at Durham

Washington, May 12.--Jesse A. Gilles was to day nominated by the nt to be postmuster at Dur-

STEAMER TRAGEDY

City of Saltillo Strikes a Rock and Goes Down-Thirteen Lives Are Probably Lost.

St. Louis, May 12.-Two women passengers were drowned and 11 per- platform near the nose of the have lost their lives in the Mississip. girl attendants, six representing Florpi river, when the steamer City of Saltillo struck a rock, foundering in

MISS ANNA RHEA and MRS. sent the champagne bottle crashing

Captain Crane after checking up ing at the time of the explosion is sinking in 20 feet of water, the greatthree miles from the shaft exit. Dan- est confusion prevailed. At the time of a lifeboat, of the accident the steamer was erroute to Waterloo, Ala,

MANY REPORTED INJURED MR. PAYNE IN DEFENSE OF HIS TARIFF BILL

He Declares Campaign Pledge to Revise Tariff Downward Is

Fulfilled.

Washington, May 12,-Sereno E. Payne, author of the tariff law which placed upon her, that is, provided the bears his name, entered into a vigor- naval designers do not change their ous defense of that measure in the house today, declaring the republican the next 18 months, by which time party's pledge to revise the tariff the Florida should be in commission. townward had been fulfilled.

About \$1,635,000 is involved in the claim of William Cramp & Sons, the portance to be constructed in a govshipbuilding company, against the government for construction of the years and naturally her performance battleship Indiana, an adverse report will be watched with keen interest by

for aids to navigation on practically every coast of the United States, It

THE WEATHER.

lowed by fair and colder tonight, with 2000 tons smaller than the other two possibly light frost; Friday, fair. vessels, though the armament is prac-For North Carolina: Fair in west, tically the same and the smaller ves-

For Asheville and vicinity: Clear-

The Florida, Biggest of American Dreadnaughts, Glides Down the Ways Lightly as a Lifeboat.

HER CHRISTENING PARTY UNUSUALLY SUCCESSFUL

The Most Successful Launching Ever Held in Brooklyn Yard-The Vessel Is Now About 60 per Cent. Completed.

New York, May 12 .- Flying the white starred emblem of the United. States navy at her stem, the stars and stripes at her stern, and a string of gay signal pennants along the 520 feet of her deck line, the battleship Florida, the biggest of American 'Dreadnaughts," was successfully unched at the Brooklyn navy yard oday in the presence of the vice president of the United States, secreary of the navy, naval attaches of all the powers, and a crowd of 50,000 enthusiasts whom lowering skies and ntermittent rains failed to keep

The battleship glided ways to the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," while the crowds cheered and hundreds of river craft ooted a noisy welcome, her lesser sisters, the Rhode Island, Nebraska, Connecticut, Yankton and Hancock dipped their colors and fired a salute of 21 guns as the monster fighting nachine reached the water.

Preceding the arrival of the disinguished guests, the army of workmen had wedged up the big battleship and removed the sideshores and ribbing amidships. As soon as the tide was favorable the word was given to remove the 120 keel blocks, and Naval Constructor Baxter took up his station at the stern of the Florida on the starboard side. party, headed by Miss Elizabeth Fleming-daughter governor of Florida, and sponsor for the giant battleship—and comprising Governor Gilchrist and Taliaferro and Fletcher of Florida, took up their position in the special sons are missing and are believed to ship, and Miss Fleming and her 11 ids and five the navy, moved up ex-

pectantly to the rail. Miss Fleming seized the be-ribbonreach of shore, at Glen Park, 24 miles ed bottle and awaited the crucial mosouth of St. Louis, last night. The ment. There was an omnious creakng and sliding and the permanent

against the ship's side. The Florida hesitated a moment, penetrating to the point where the the passenger list, said it was almost then slowly and ponderously glided certain those missing are dead. The Fleming clearly and proudly calling boat carried 27 passengers, mostly out, "Go, brave ship: I christen thee women and children, and a crew of Florida." The launching was the lay representatives from each pre- 30. When the vessel struck the rock, most successful held in the New York navy yard. The gigantic battleship

> Later on when the Arkansas and Wyoming, now under con-struction, are affoat they will ex-ceed the Florida in size by three thousand tons, a difference sufficient to make a pretty good little liner in itself. The Florida herself is by no means finished, for as she went off the ways today she was only about 60 per cent. advanced towards completion, which means that she was not much more than a vast empty hull and still awaits all of the thou sand boilers and main and secondary engines and armor and equipment that go to make up the ship ready for

Probably there is not a battleship afloat that could tackle the Florida on even terms, when the commander's flag flies from the ungraceful but formidable skeleton masts which will be minds, as to the utility of this novel feature of marine architecture within

Built in Government Yard. The ship is the first of any real imernment navy yard for a number of the private shipbuilders, who are now committee on claims.

The senate today passed the omnibus lighthouse bill making provision for aids to passed the organization of the North Dakota, built by the Fore River Ship Building company, and the Delaware, constructed at Newport Grand Jury Ignores Indictment Against carries items aggregating about \$2,- News, with the Florida and Utah, will make what is described as a superior naval parlance, meaning that these vessels are practically of the same type and may be expected to operate together in naval warfare. The North ng weather late this afternoon, fol- Dakota and the Delaware are nearly

The Florida is 521 feet six inches long, nearly as long as a city The President Accepts.

Washington, May 12.—President traft has accepted an invitation to attend the annual convention of the Atlantic Desper Waterways association at Providence, R. I., September 2.